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1. On 5 October 1953 the Soviet editor-in-chief of the East German Taegliche Rundschau, Sokolov (fnu), left for a protracted leave in the USSR. His functions have been taken over by Gernikev (fnu), who returned from his annual leave on 2 October 1953. The editor of the Illustrierte Rundschau, Nemchinov (fnu), left for his annual leave on 5 October 1953. Stepanov (fnu) and Kabariova (fnu) are still on leave, while Rachkov (fnu) returned on 5 October. Gusev (fnu) of the Soviet section is still on leave.
2. The German editor-in-chief, Grandy (fnu), is beginning to play a more and more prominent part in the editorial work on the newspaper. He is quite active and apparently has considerable authority for making editorial decisions. He is rather unpopular with the German staff.
3. There have been no important changes in the German staff. Burchert (fnu), the editor, was dismissed because he faked illness and neglected his work. Arendt (fnu) has taken his place in the Soviet section.
4. During the first two weeks in October 1953 an unusual number of uniformed Soviets were observed going in and out of the offices of the publishing manager, Batenin (fnu), and of the chief of supply, Lueganov (fnu). 1/

- 25X1A 1/ Comment. It is assumed that the printing shop of the Taegliche Rundschau has received substantial orders for forms or other publications from Soviet military units.

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